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# THE LITANY





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## The Litany

¶ Here followeth the LITANY, or General Supplication, to be sung or said after Morning Prayer upon *Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays*, and at other times when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary.

○ GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

○ GOD the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

○ GOD the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

○ HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity,

three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

FROM all evil and mischief ; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil ; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

FROM all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

FROM fornication, and all other deadly sin ; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

FROM lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

FROM all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

BY the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

BY Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

IN all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

WE sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God ; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy Servant *VICTORIA*, our most gracious Queen and Governor ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to rule her heart in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that she may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to bless and preserve *Albert Edward* Prince of *Wales*, the Princess of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*



**T**HAT it may please Thee to give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**T**HAT it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**T**HAT it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand ; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted ; and to raise up them that fall ; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**T**HAT it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**T**HAT it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children ; and to shew Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

THAT it may please Thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word ;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

SON of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.

*Son of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.*

O LAMB of God : that takest away the sins  
of the world ;

*Grant us Thy peace.*

O LAMB of God : that takest away the sins  
of the world ;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O CHRIST, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

CHRIST, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

¶ Then shall the Priest, and the people with him, say the  
Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed  
be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will

be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Answer Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought ; and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed ; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake.*

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thine honour.*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

FROM our enemies defend us, O Christ.

*Graciously look upon our afflictions.*

PITIFULLY behold the sorrows of our hearts.

*Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.*

FAVOURABLY with mercy hear our prayers.

*O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

BOTH now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

*Graciously hear us, O Christ ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

Priest O Lord, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us;

Answer As we do put our trust in Thee.

Let us pray

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF S. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world

knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Here endeth the LITANY.



# Prayers and Thanksgivings,

UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,

¶ To be used before the two final Prayers of the Litany, or of  
Morning and Evening Prayer.

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## PRAYERS

For Rain

O GOD, heavenly Father, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised to all them that seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to Thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For fair Weather

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, Who for the sin of man didst once drown all the world, except eight persons, and afterward of Thy great mercy didst promise never to destroy it so again; We



humbly beseech Thee, that although we for our iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters, yet upon our true repentance Thou wilt send us such weather, as that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season; and learn both by Thy punishment to amend our lives, and for Thy clemency to give Thee praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the time of Dearth and Famine

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, Whose gift it is, that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, beasts increase, and fishes do multiply; Behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we do now most justly suffer for our iniquity, may through Thy goodness be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or this

**O** GOD, merciful Father, Who, in the time of Elisha the prophet, didst suddenly in

Samaria turn great scarcity and dearth into plenty and cheapness; Have mercy upon us, that we, who are now for our sins punished with like adversity, may likewise find a seasonable relief: Increase the fruits of the earth by Thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving Thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to Thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the time of War and Tumults

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, Whose power no creature is able to resist, to Whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices; that we, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, Who art the only Giver of all victory; through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the time of any common Plague or Sickness.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who in Thy wrath didst send a plague upon Thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of Pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering Thy mercy didst save the rest; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as Thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please Thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ In the Ember Weeks, to be said every day, for those that are to be admitted into Holy Orders

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock, that they

may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of Thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give Thy grace and heavenly benediction ; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Giver of all good gifts, Who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church ; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same ; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy Holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer that may be said after any of the former

**O** GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our

humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, to be read  
during their Session

**M**OST gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign, and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

## THANKSGIVINGS

¶ A General Thanksgiving

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men ;

\* This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise. [*\* particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*] We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and Glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For Rain

O GOD our heavenly Father, Who by Thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man ; We give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain upon Thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us Thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of Thy holy Name ; through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For fair Weather

O LORD God, Who hast justly humbled us by Thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters, and in Thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather ; We praise and glorify Thy holy Name for this Thy mercy, and will always declare Thy loving kindness from generation to generation ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Plenty

O MOST merciful Father, Who of Thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into cheapness and plenty; We give Thee humble thanks for this Thy special bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to Thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Peace and Deliverance from our Enemies

O ALMIGHTY God, Who art a strong tower of defence unto Thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed: We acknowledge it Thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching Thee still to continue such Thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



For restoring Publick Peace at Home

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, Who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; We bless Thy holy Name, that it hath pleased Thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Thy mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Deliverance from the Plague or other common Sickness

O LORD God, Who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by Thy late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgement remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death; We offer unto Thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies which Thou

hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto Thee, always praising and magnifying Thy mercies in the midst of Thy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this

WE humbly acknowledge before Thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in Thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart : Yet seeing it hath pleased Thee of Thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness where-with we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings ; We offer unto Thy divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying Thy glorious Name for such Thy preservation and providence over us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Collects

¶ Collects to be said after the Offertory, when there is no Communion, every such day one or more ; and the same may be said also, as often as occasion shall serve, after the Collects either of Morning or Evening Prayer, Communion, or Litany, by the discretion of the Minister.

**A**SSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments ; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name; We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## A Commination,

OR DENOUNCING OF GOD'S ANGER AND  
JUDGEMENTS AGAINST SINNERS,

WITH CERTAIN PRAYERS, TO BE USED ON THE FIRST DAY OF LENT,  
AND AT OTHER TIMES, AS THE ORDINARY SHALL APPOINT.

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¶ After Morning Prayer, the Litany ended according to the accustomed manner, the Priest shall, in the Reading-Pew or Pulpit, say,

BRETHREN, in the Primitive Church there was a godly discipline, that, at the beginning of Lent, such persons as stood convicted of notorious sin were put to open penance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend.

Instead whereof, (until the said discipline may be restored again, which is much to be wished,) it is thought good, that at this time (in the presence of you all) should be read the

general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the seven and twentieth Chapter of Deuteronomy, and other places of Scripture; and that ye should answer to every sentence, *Amen*: To the intent that, being admonished of the great indignation of God against sinners, ye may the rather be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices, for which ye affirm with your own mouths the curse of God to be due.

**C**URSED is the man that maketh any carved or molten image, to worship it.

¶ And the people shall answer and say

*Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that curseth his father or mother.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's landmark.

Answer *Amen.*

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Minister Cursed is he that maketh the blind to go out of his way.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that perverteth the judgement of the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that smiteth his neighbour secretly.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that lieth with his neighbour's wife.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that taketh reward to slay the innocent.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, and taketh man for his defence, and in his heart goeth from the Lord.

Answer *Amen.*

Minister Cursed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons, idolaters, slanderers, drunkards, and extortioners.

Answer *Amen.*



Minister

NOW seeing that all they are accursed (as the prophet David beareth witness) who do err and go astray from the commandments of God ; let us (remembering the dreadful judgement hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us) return unto our Lord God, with all contrition and meekness of heart ; bewailing and lamenting our sinful life, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of penance. For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees, so that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God : He shall pour down rain upon the sinners, snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest ; this shall be their portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is come out of His place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of His coming ? Who shall be able to endure when He appeareth ? His fan is in His hand, and He will purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn ; but He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The day of the Lord

cometh as a thief in the night : and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as sorrow cometh upon a woman travailing with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornness of their heart, have heaped unto themselves ; which despised the goodness, patience, and long-sufferance of God, when He calleth them continually to repentance. Then shall they call upon Me, (saith the Lord,) but I will not hear ; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me ; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred My counsel, and despised my correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut ; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgement, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels. Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth ; for the night cometh, when none can

work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, Who calleth us mercifully to amendment, and of His endless pity promiseth us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto Him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool. Turn ye (saith the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done: Make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God? Turn ye then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. For He was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore return unto Him, Who is the merciful Receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring

ourselves that He is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto Him with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves unto Him, and from henceforth walk in His ways; if we will take His easy yoke, and light burden upon us, to follow Him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit; seeking always His glory, and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving: This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon them that shall be set on the left hand; and He will set us on His right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of His Father, commanding us to take possession of His glorious kingdom: Unto which He vouchsafe to bring us all, for His infinite mercy. Amen.

¶ Then shall they all kneel upon their knees, and the Priests and Clerks kneeling (in the place where they are accustomed to say the Litany) shall say this Psalm.

*Miserere mei, Deus.* Psalm li.

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness :  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin  
is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done  
this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be  
justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou  
art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and  
in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward  
parts : and shalt make me to understand  
wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I  
shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I  
shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and glad-  
ness : that the bones which Thou hast broken  
may rejoice.

Turn Thy face away from my sins : and put  
out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew  
a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and  
take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again :  
and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the  
wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto  
Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,  
Thou that art the God of my health : and my  
tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my  
mouth shall shew Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I  
give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-  
offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a  
broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou  
not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion :  
build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacri-  
fice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings  
and oblations : then shall they offer young  
bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and  
to the Holy Ghost ;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister O Lord, save Thy servants ;

Answer That put their trust in Thee.

Minister Send unto them help from above.

Answer And evermore mightily defend them.

Minister Help us, O God our Saviour.

Answer And for the glory of Thy Name deliver us ; be merciful to us sinners, for Thy Name's sake.

Minister O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer And let our cry come unto Thee.

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Minister    Let us pray

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, Who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, Whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgement with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, Who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in



this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the People say this that followeth, after the Minister

**T**URN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister alone shall say

**T**HE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*





















